

DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) Any entrepreneur, irrespective of whether he is in the private or in the public sector, while taking an investment decision, is guided by the economic viability of mining the mineral in question. Economic viability of mining depends on both demand and supply factors. The grade of the mineral to be mined is only one such factor which determines the economic viability in a given scenario. Every grade of mineral has its own level of economic viability. Hence, when the market forces are such that the cost of production of a medium or low-grade mineral can be met through the sale price realized, such grades of mineral also get mined, both in the public and the private sector. Thus the question of any misutilization of the country's resources by the private sector mining companies does not arise.

Disinvestment of PSUs

2397. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Public Units which have already disinvested their equity till March, 31, 2000 since the formation of Disinvestment Commission;

(b) the prevailing market rate of shares on the date of disinvestment and at present; and

(c) the amount realized from disinvestment of public sector units and the purpose for which the same is proposed to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) After the formation of the Disinvestment Commission in August 1996, disinvestment has taken place in the following Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs):—

Sl. No.	Name of the PSUs	Year
1.	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL). (GDR offering)	1996-97 (March 1997)

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2.	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL). (GDR offering)	1997-98 (December 1997)
3.	Container Corporation of India Ltd. (Domestic offering with participation of FIIs)	1998-99 (November 1998)
4.	Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) (Domestic offering with participation of FIIs)	1998-99 (February, 1999)
5.	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (GDR offering).	1998-99 (February, 1999)
6.	Modern Foods Industries Ltd. (strategic Sale)	1999-2000 (January, 2000)
7.	Gas Authority of India Ltd. (GAIL) (GDR offering)	1999-2000
8.	Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL) (Fixed Price public issue)	1999-2000
9.	Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) (strategic Sale)	2000-2001 (March, 2001)

(b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Year-wise realization of amount from disinvestment of PSUs for the period 1996-97 to 2000-2001 is given below:—

Year	(Rs. in crores) Actual Realisation
1996-97	379.67
1997-98	910.00
1998-99	5371.11
1999-2000	1829.24
2000-2001	551.50

The disinvestment proceeds are deposited in the Consolidated Fund

of India (CFI) like other receipts of the Government of India. The expenditure out of the CFI include outlays for restructuring of public sector enterprises, social sectors like education, health and family welfare etc. As mentioned by the Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 2001-2002, out of the estimated receipt of Rs. 12,000 crore from disinvestment during 2001-2002, an amount of Rs. 7000 crore will be used for providing restructuring assistance to PSUs, safety net to workers and reduction of debt burden. Contingent upon realization of the anticipated receipt of Rs. 12,000 crore, a sum of Rs. 5,000 crore will be used to provide additional budgetary support for the Plan primarily in the social and infrastructure sectors.

Disinvestment of PSUs

2398. SHRI RAJU PARMAR;
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of PSUs for which Government have decided to disinvest their stake to private parties;

(b) in how many cases the process has already been initiated and bids invited; and

(c) what has been the response of global advertisements released for inviting private participation with complete details of participants, price-bid etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Action is being taken for disinvestment in respect of the following PSE subsidiaries of PSEs:

Air India, CMC Limited, Hindustan Copper Limited, Hindustan Insecticides Limited, Hindustan Organic Chemicals. Ltd., HTL Limited, Hindustan Zinc Limited, Indian Air Lines, IBP Ltd., Indian Petro-Chemicals Corporation Ltd., Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., Madras Fertilizers Ltd., Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Ltd., Metals Scrap Trading Corporation Limited, National Fertilizers Ltd., Paradeep Phosphates Ltd., Sponge